

Legislative Link Update

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On Saturday May 7th at 5:45am the 52nd Legislature adjourned its Second Regular Session sine die – meaning they will not meet again until the new Legislature convenes in January 2017 following this fall's election (barring any special sessions called during the interim). Session dragged on at a slow pace for the last few weeks as legislators argued over the state budget and particularly the amount of funding for K-12 schools. The Governor's Office issued this press release at the time that he signed the budget bills: <http://azgovernor.gov/governor/news/2016/05/governor-doug-ducey-signs-budget-prioritizing-public-k-12-education>

Lasting 118 days, this year's session was about average for what we've seen in recent years. For comparison, the 2015 session was a mere 81 days, the 2014 session lasted 101 days, and the 2013 session was 151 days.

Of the nearly 1,300 bills that were introduced, 388 were passed by both chambers of the Legislature and sent to the Governor. So far, the Governor has signed 245 bills and vetoed 9. Governor Ducey has 10 business days following the end of a session to take action on the remaining bills. Approximately 44 of the bills on our tracking list have already been signed by the Governor and several more await his signature or veto. The general effective date of the new laws will be August 6, 2016 unless a bill has another specified date and was passed by a 2/3 emergency clause.

Glendale's Intergovernmental Programs staff will now spend the next several weeks putting together our annual End of Session Report which will provide a comprehensive overview of the bills that we were tracking for the session. That report will be posted on our website at <http://www.glendaleaz.com/intergovernmental/index.cfm> when it becomes available.

Thank you again for your participation in Glendale's Legislative Link Program.

This year, our bill tracking list will be available through an online report that can be accessed at the following website. The password is "Glendale". Utilizing a dynamic, online report will allow our Legislative Link participants to receive the most up to date information on bill status and committee hearing schedules at any time, rather than only receiving information that was current as of the time that the previous PDF tracking reports were sent out.
<http://www.azcapitolreports.com/webreport.cfm?webreport=25627&listid=57425&print=true>

Remember, you can watch committee hearings via the internet by going to the [legislature's website](#) and clicking on the live proceedings hyperlink located in the column on the left side of the page.

Arizona State Legislature Website: www.azleg.gov

To determine who your state legislators are, [click here](#)

You can also visit the Intergovernmental Programs Department's webpage for additional information by [clicking here](#)

Please note that the bills included on the Legislative Link tracking list are those that we believe might be of interest to you and your neighborhood. The Legislative Link tracking list does not include every bill being monitored by the City and the City does not have a formal position on all of the bills included on the list.

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